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Heydelberg, April 15.

ON Friday last dyed the Duke of *Deuxponts* at a little Castle, whither he had retired, upon the French their possessing themselves of his Countrey as a Dependence. He is dead without Heirs-male, and his Dutchy devolves to the King of *Sweden* as his next Heir, who will now have a third Vote in the Dyet, to wit, for *Pomeren*, *Bremen*, and *Deuxponts*. The Chamber of *Metz*, is as we understand, about making a Decree, by which they Declare the Countrey of *Simmeren* and *Alzey* to be Dependencies, and therefore require the Inhabitants to Swear Allegiance to the French King as their Sovereign.

Francfort, April 15. From *Ratisbonne* we have an Account, That on the 7th Instant the Dyet took into consideration the present state of the Empire, and after a long Debate concerning the most effectual means for the providing for its security, it was judged necessary to raise an Army, to consist of 60000 Men, and to be kept on foot for two years.

Hamburg, April 18. The King of *Denmark*, according to our last Advices from *Copenhagen*, intended to part from thence as this day on his Journey for *Holstein*. It is reported he will have an Army in these parts, of 6000 Horse and 12000 Foot, which gives some jealousie to this City, though the Danish Ministers say, That the Kings Design is only to build a Fort in *Oldenburg* on the *Weser*, and that he will have some Forces together, that he may not be disturbed in it. From *Warsaw* they write, that the endeavours of those that were against the Allyance now proposed with the Moscovites, did still so far prevail, as to hinder the Dyets coming to any Resolution therein.

Hague, April 25. The last week the Minister of the Dukes of *Lunenburg* presented a Memorial to the States, by which he desires, that they will order the payment of the Arrears of Subsidies due to his Masters without any further delay. We are told that the Duke of *Hanover* will not be at the great Hunting Meeting, being gone to use the Waters at *Wesbaden*. The Sieur *Ter-Brugge*, late Colonel of a Regiment in Garrison at *Swoll*, and in the Pay of the Countrey of *Drenthe*, being dead, the Regents of that Countrey pretend to the disposal of that Command, and have given it to the Prince of *Friesland*.

Brussels, April 25. The French Troops, according to the last Letters we received from *Luxemburg*, do not yet stir, but form every day new Pretensions upon some place or other; and even the City of *Luxemburg* are not without apprehensions that they will at last come to them. In the mean time the French King has appointed his Commissioners to be at *Courtray* on the 11th of the next Month, in order to the renewing the Conferences for the determing the differences between the two Crowns concerning their Limits. The Preparations that are making in the Countrey of *Cleves* continue to give us some disturbance, and the rather for that we are informed, that a French Officer is made Governor of *Wesel*, and that he has already taken possession of that Command. But at the same time we are well enough pleased with the News we have from *Poland*, and from *Germany*, To wit, that the Dyet at *Warsaw*, notwithstanding all the endeavours that have been used to frustrate the Negotiation of the Moscovite Ambassadors, was upon the point of resolving to joyn with the Czar in the War against the Turks; and that the States of the Empire Assembled at *Ratisbonne* have agreed, to have an Army of 60000 Men forthwith raised for their common Defence and Security.

Whitehal, April 18. It having been Ordered at the General Quarter-Sessions, held for the County of *Middlesex* at *Hickes-Hall* on Saturday last, That an Humble Address should be made to His Majesty, in Answer to the Message sent to them by the Right Honourable Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, His Majesties Principal Secretary of State, as well as Humbly and Thankfully to acknowledge His Majesties Grace and Favour to His Subjects, expressed in His Majesties Declaration lately published by His Command. Several of the Justices of the Peace of the said County did this day wait upon His Majesty, and Presented the said Address, which is as follows,

May it please Your Majesty,

WE, your Majesties most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, your Majesties Justices of the Peace for this your County of *Middlesex*, having by your Majesties Command received a Signification from the Right Honourable Sir *Leoline Jenkins*, by Letter dated the 15th of *April* Instant, That it is your Majesties Pleasure we should Depute some of our Body to wait upon the Right Honourable the Lords of your Majesties most Honourable Privy Council, to propose Ways and Methods for the putting in Execution, with Effect, the Statute made in the 43 year of Queen *Elizabeth*, for the Relief of the Poor, in Pursuance of a Petition heretofore by us presented to your Majesty for that end, have with all readiness obeyed your Majesties Command, and have Deputed some of our Body to wait upon the Lords. And as we cannot but with all Humility acknowledge your Majesties transcendent Goodness and

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